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DOUGLASS HALL.

Its Opening Proved a Grand Success.

In spite of many obstacles and disadvantages, the opening of the Douglass hall, last Monday evening, proved a grand success, both from a social and artistic point of view.

Miss Hallie Q. Brown, whose fame as an elocutionist is world wide, was the star of the occasion, and displayed a brilliancy that captured and held the interest of the large audience throughout an unusually long programme. As an elocutionary reader Miss Brown has few equals on the stage and her graceful pose and perfect self possession were superbly demonstrated by her pantomime work.

Miss Brown reaches the height of her art as a delineator of character. Her rendition of "Mammy's L'il Boy," by Edwards, and Dunbar's "Party," were splendid pictures of Negro character that were true to life, and her "Naughty Zeli" and "Encouragement" approached a perfection of dramatic art that is rarely witnessed.

The musical work of Madame Williams and Michie was very well received, and Prof. Wm. D. Flowers' Great Western Orchestra rendered a delightful terpsichorean programme.

Mrs. Hallie Q. Brown, the Queen of Elocution.

Last Monday night the people of our city turned out in large numbers to listen to the dramatic recitations of Miss Hallie Q. Brown.

The programme began at 9 o'clock. The Great Western Orchestra treated the audience to several selections.

Miss Brown delivered several pieces. It is needless to say that Miss Brown is perfect. Her manner of delivery, as well as facial expression, are so entirely in keeping with the recitation that one loses sight of the fact that she is but the imitator, and not the original.

Her delivery of "The Party," by Paul Dunbar, and "The Charlot Race," by Wallace, were especially good.

Miss Brown in all her recitations surpassed any elocutionist that ever appeared before in our city.

Many of our best people were out, and enjoyed themselves to their heart's content. After the recital the floor was waxed preparatory for the dance which followed.

The audience danced until the wee small hours.

Miss Brown, as well as her assistants, Mrs. Michie and Mrs. Williams, won the admiration of the audience. Mrs. Michie's singing, as usual, entranced all. Her solo, "Judith," was

fine. Mrs. Williams' soprano solo was also enjoyable. The star of the evening was Miss Brown. Her recitations, as well as pantomimes, were superlative. Our St. Louisans would be very much pleased to hear her soon again.

CITY NEWS.

Notes and News Concerning Our People—Weekly Record of Social Events, Deaths, Marriages and Births—Written Especially for St. Louis Palladium.

Mrs. William Sutter, of 2822 Montgomery, is quite sick. She is a member of St. Mary's court.

Miss Annie L. Voorhies has received her permanent appointment as teacher in public schools.

Little Ester Henderson, of 2605 Leffingwell, has been suffering from the carache. She is better now.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Wood celebrated their seventh anniversary last Tuesday. We hope they will live to enjoy many more.

Mrs. Victoria Lawson, of 2605 Leffingwell avenue, will leave, on the 16th, for Kansas. Mrs. Hattie Henry will accompany her home.

Miss Maud Smith, of 4215 Kennerly avenue, was married two weeks ago to Mr. Ernest Walker, of 2618 Wash. street. We wish them joy through life.

A certain young lady in North St. Louis attempted to dictate what should be published in our paper. When the manager finished with that young miss she had no ideas of her own left.

The First Baptist church of Bridgeton, Mo., has services as follows: Preaching, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday-school, 2 p. m. Rev. W. W. Perry, pastor. Mrs. Lydia Thompson, secretary.

Little Ophelia Lucas, of 1518 Chestnut street, has been suffering with cramp. It was only through the efforts of Dr. W. P. Curtis that she was saved—at least, so says her mother.

Quarterly meeting at C. M. church, 3966 Fairfax avenue. Rev. Christopher, of Quinn's chapel, will preach at 3 p. m. Rev. P. J. Hutchinson will preach at 11 a. m. Bishop Lane will preach at 7:30 p. m. All are invited to come.

Pickett's Headache Powders give instant relief. 2601 Lawton avenue.

We trust that our subscribers will be so kind as to come to the office and settle up. All that call at the office and settle up we will allow them 10 per cent on the dollar.

The bishops of the Colored Methodist church are: J. Lane, L. H. Halsey, R. S. Williams, Elias Cottrell, C. H. Phillips. Rev. Hamling is the pastor of their church in St. Louis, 3966 Fairfax avenue.

Mr. G. W. Held's saloon is crowded from morning till 12 p. m. He is like the rest of a good many more of our saloonkeepers—a good many others. We will see who has been there since I have been gone.

Miss F. Slaughter, from Vicksburg, Miss., is here with her father. They are stopping at 3322 Franklin avenue. They expect to remain in our city until after the fair. She is a dashing young miss of 16.

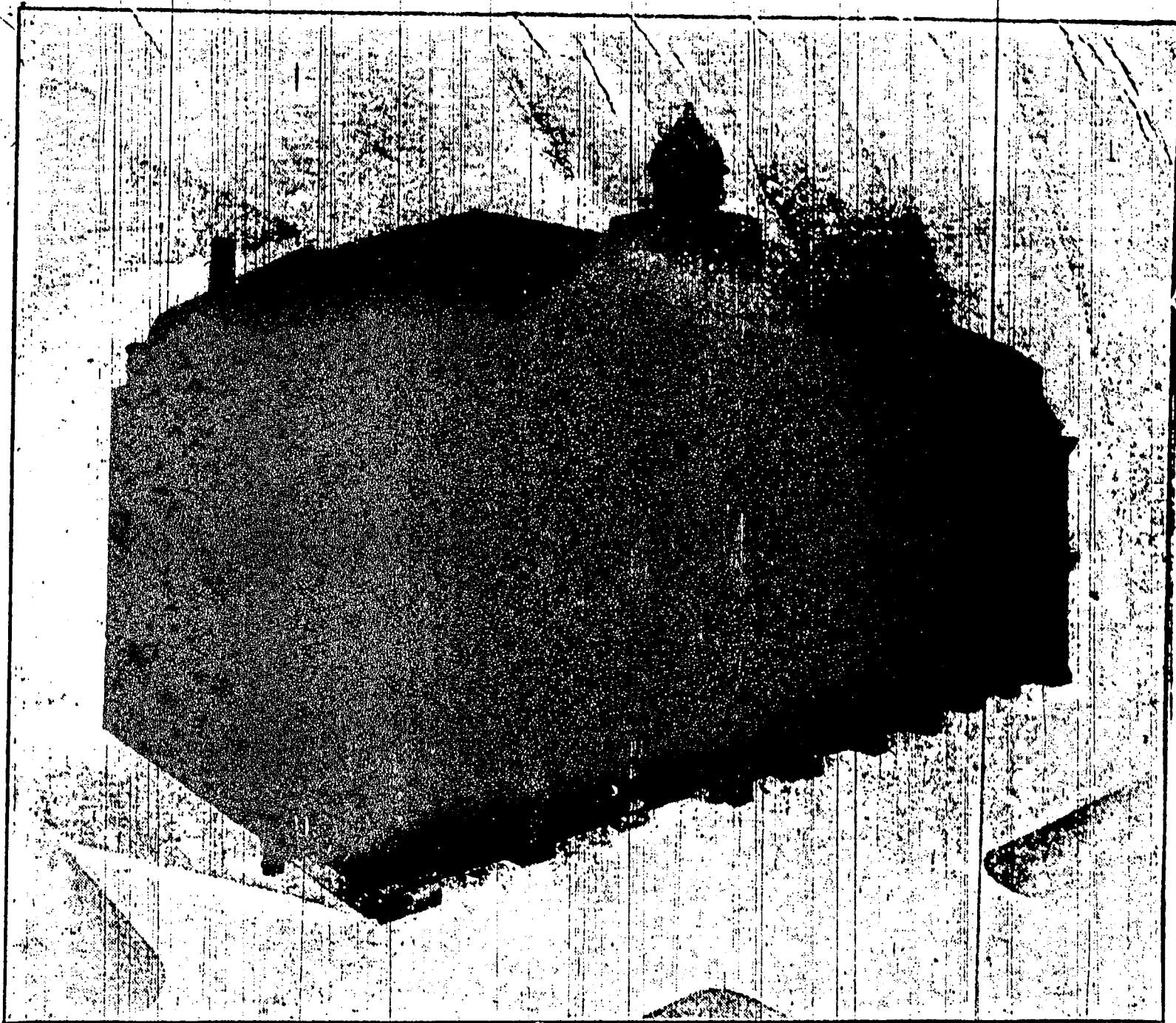
Miss Dora Moore, of 2527 Leffingwell avenue, will be one of the graduates of Sumner next June. She will make her debut in society. Most of our children make their debut two years before they enter high school.

Don't miss the Knights Templar ball, Monday evening, February 22, 1904, at Masonic hall. If you desire to meet all your friends on the evening of February 22, you will find them at the Knights Templar ball, Tenth and Market streets.

"La Coterie Francaise" will give a grand leap year St. Valentine party, at the residence of Miss Viola Hyatt, 4026 Lucky street, Monday evening, February 15. Refreshments served in abundance. Admission, 10 cents. Good music. Mr. Elmer Walton, president; Miss Julia Harris, secretary; Mrs. A. Jones, chaperone.

A Leap Year entertainment given by St. James M. E. church, 4212 Papin street, Thursday evening, February 25, 1904, for the benefit of the Steward fund. Second division commanded by Capt. George Washington. First prize given to the club raising most over \$50. Second to club raising \$40. Admission 10 cents. Rev. E. P. Geiger, pastor.

Miss Hallie Q. Brown was the recipient of a pleasant surprise, at the conclusion of her most successful performance, last Monday night, at the opening of Douglass hall. The members of her elocution class presented her with a handsome shawl, crocheted in zephyr, as a mark of appreciation of her extraordinary talents. The dainty present is a work of art, and is prized very highly by Miss Brown.



LOUISIANA BUILDING.

The Louisiana State building, now being erected on a site adjoining that of the United States building, is to be a faithful reproduction of the famous Cabildo as it was in 1803, and will be a conspicuous and attractive feature of the group of state structures. It will be furnished throughout with furniture of the time and style of the eighteenth century. In the replica of the supreme court room, where the transfers from Spain to France, and from France to the United States, were signed, will be exhibited a fac simile of the treaty between France and the United States, signed by Livingston, Monroe and Marbois. This fac simile has been kindly furnished the commis-

sion by Hon. Francis Loomis, assistant secretary of state at Washington, and is quite an interesting document. In the same room will be portraits of the above signers, together with those of Jefferson, Napoleon, Salcedo, Laussat, Wilkinson and Claiborne. In the court yard will be placed an original stone filter, with the old drinking "monkeys" showing the method of obtaining potable and cool water at that time.

In one of the cells of the prison within the court yard of the Cabildo will be placed the original stocks, now in the present Cabildo, and which attracts the curious inspection of every visitor.

These are the identical stocks used

by the Spaniards in punishing their criminals. The lower room of the Cabildo, now used as a city court, will serve as a general reception and reading room, where Louisianans and their guests can meet, read the latest papers on file from Louisiana, receive and answer their mails, and otherwise enjoy themselves. Rooms, with toilets for ladies, furnished completely, will be found in the second story, while similar rooms for gentlemen will be found on the lower floor.

The contractors are W. O. & C. G. Burton, formerly of Richmond, Va., now of St. Louis, who are also the contractors for the United States government building on the adjoining site.

HOME AGAIN.

Mrs. Cordelia Hannah and son, of Chattanooga, Tenn., returned home last Wednesday evening after spending several weeks visiting their relatives, Mrs. H. Jordan, of 3920 Fairfax, and Mr. W. Boni, of Scott avenue. Their stay was quite a pleasant one. They hope to return during the fair.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

The Carnation club will give an entertainment of some kind in the near future. In fact, all of the different clubs are working very hard to raise money for the church. Mrs. M. J. Grant, president.

Mr. Joseph W. Neely, of 275A St. Ferdinand street, elevator conductor at the Mercantile library, has been very sick for several weeks, but is improving, and will be able to resume his duties by the first of next month.

The Ruth club served a very fine dinner last Sunday evening at the First Baptist church. The president, Mrs. Leatha Newcomb, and her assistants spared no pains or time in seeing that everybody was well cared for. The club raised a nice sum of money from the dinner for the church.

Just before divine services closed last Sunday, Mrs. R. Hunter, of 1612 Gay street, carried her sweet little child, Allen, forth to the altar for the purpose of having Rev. E. C. Cole invoke the blessing of God upon him. Rev. Cole is such a dear lover of children. It was quite a pleasure for him to receive the babe and offer it to the Lord in one of the most fervent prayers.

The Pleasant Workers' club met directly after the morning service was over at the First Baptist church, last Sunday, for the purpose of attending to some important business. Several questions came up for discussion. One of them was to the effect that each member of said club should pay \$1 a month, which would be turned over to the church treasury, to be paid out on the main debt of said building. On motion, it was carried. Afterwards the club adjourned to meet again next Sunday, the 14th. Mrs. M. A. Gilree, president.

Rev. J. W. Muse preached at the First Baptist church last Sunday evening, 7:30. His text was from the twenty-first chapter of John, sixth verse, which says: "Cast your net on the right side." He made a comparison between men catching fishes and catching souls, and clearly demonstrated the fact that in order to become a Christian it is highly necessary for anyone to put their trust in God, after which live right, walk right, talk and act right. His sermons throughout the meetings have been very forceful and full of logic, and from three to four, and sometimes as many as six, converts have joined the church every night. Rev. E. C. Cole is so full of delight, that he really thinks that the meetings ought to continue for several weeks yet.

Antioch Church.

Sisters' prayer meeting every afternoon at 4 o'clock, while the revival is going on. All are welcome.

Sunday, the 14th, at 10:30, Covenant meeting, and at 3 p. m., communion service. The members are expected to be present.

The church is having quite a success in their revival meeting, and yet there is room. Rev. Geo. M. M. Tomkins, a native of Africa, is assisting in the meeting. Rev. Tomkins speaks well, and his instructions are fine. The fourth Sunday in this month Rev. Fred McKinney will baptize. All are invited to attend.

FARMER'S DEFENSE.

We are not surprised to read in the Globe an article supposed to come from a man of our race.

The time is past when we, as a race, can afford to have a man, who can not defend an individual, undertake to defend a race.

We find many men who are always making apologies for the shortcomings of white men. Messrs. Walker and Cannon have given their candid opinions of the Negro race.

Now, it rests with the Negro to give his true utterances as a man who will dare defend his race, although in a southern state. The utterances of Walker and Cannon show just how they look at the Negro through their prejudice and ignorance of a race that has just come out of bondage.

We are free to say that any man who has read ancient history, and kept pace with modern history, that the two gentlemen must be as ignorant of both as the Negroes are in the lagoons of Louisiana and the jungles of Africa.

Now, it becomes us as Negroes to point out the shortcomings of our brethren in white, and show to the public that these men (although white) speak from prejudice, and think that all men are as ignorant of past history as they themselves are.

We, as Negroes, are proud of Col. Goodwin. He shows that he is conversant with ancient and modern history, and has kept up with the times. He has given the Negro hope, and he says to his brethren: "They ought to be judged from a standard of justice."

We wish to say that there are as fair-minded Negroes, who have come through the fires of slavery, as there are white men who have had 1,000 years of social, domestic and financial training. We only ask to be given a fair show, and with all the argument, ignorance and prejudice of Messrs. Cannon and Walker and our venerable governor of Mississippi, J. K. Vardaman, we will get there.

But we do not want any more apologists to represent the race through the columns of the Globe-Democrat.

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